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No. 5953.
**REPORT OF THE CONDITION
 OF THE
 Farmers & Merchants
 NATIONAL BANK,
 AT CROCKETT,**
 In the State of Texas, at the close of
 business, September 9th, 1903.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$108,491.67
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3,766.14
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,015.63
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	2,678.23
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	86.30
Due from State Banks and Bankers	1,143.54
Due from approved reserve agents	1,338.13
Checks and other cash items	288.36
Notes of other National Banks	400.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	170.28
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$4,996
Legal-tender notes	8,000
	12,996.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$141,301.28

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	2,175.31
National bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to other National Banks	1.09
Due to approved reserve agents	342.25
Individual deposits subject to check	40,482.57
Notes and bills rediscounted	30,998.06
Total	\$141,301.28

State of Texas, }
 County of Houston, } I. Arch Baker,
 Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly
 swear that the above statement is true to the
 best of my knowledge and belief.
 ARCH BAKER, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th
 day of September, 1903.
 H. DUBST, JR., Notary Public.
 Correct—Attest:
 JOE ADAMS,
 A. B. BURTON,
 B. F. CHAMBERLAIN, } Directors.

No. 4884.
**REPORT OF THE CONDITION
 OF THE
 First National Bank
 AT CROCKETT,**
 In the State of Texas, at the close of
 business, September 9th, 1903.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$229,616.73
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	7,984.64
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,400.00
Stocks, Securities, etc.	1,200.00
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures	5,000.00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	449.60
Due from State Banks and Bankers	533.11
Due from approved reserve agents	11,935.96
Checks and other cash items	794.50
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	628.00
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$5,042.00
	5,042.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas' (5 per cent of circulation)	2,650.00
Total	\$319,071.63

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	22,627.04
National bank notes outstanding	50,000.00
Due to other National Banks	8,544.90
Individual deposits subject to check	141,168.54
Notes and bills rediscounted	21,789.10
Total	\$319,071.63

State of Texas, }
 County of Houston, } I. H. F. Moore, cashier
 of the above-named bank, do solemnly
 swear that the above statement is true to the
 best of my knowledge and belief.
 I. H. F. MOORE, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th
 day of September, 1903.
 C. W. MOORE, Notary Public.
 Correct—Attest:
 JOHN B. SMITH,
 JAS. S. SHIVERS,
 A. H. WOOTTERS, } Directors.

Devoured by Worms.

Children often cry, not from pain, but from hunger, although fed abundantly. The entire trouble arises from inanition, their food is not assimilated, but devoured by worms. A few doses of White's Vermifuge will cause them to cease crying and begin to thrive at once, very much to the surprise and joy of the mother. 25c at Smith & French Drug Co's.

STRIKES THE KEY NOTE.

Our Lovelady Correspondent Has the Situation Summed Up Correctly—Lack of Enterprise Responsible.

LOVELADY, TEX., Sept. 13, 1903.
 ED. COURIER:

Please allow me, a reader of your paper, to offer a few thoughts on the discussion in the COURIER and Enterprise as to what prohibition has done and is doing for Crockett; how it looks to a man up a tree, interested only in common with the majority of the citizens of Houston county. There never was a politician defeated for office but what he blamed some friend as betraying him. There was never a criminal convicted that did not claim some one had sworn falsely. We are always too apt to blame some one else with our misfortunes. That Crockett has lost trade no one for a moment will deny. That she has lost in population no one will dispute. But who will dare attribute all this to prohibition or any other one cause? In the first place Crockett once had the largest territory from which to draw trade of any town in East Texas. She had two thriving papers that were filled each week with large advertisements from the merchants carrying large stocks of goods, and prices that would draw the trade from far and near. Farmers would haul their cotton through Lovelady to Crockett where buyers were stationed and paid more for cotton than our merchants could pay. There they could buy goods so much cheaper than they could in Lovelady that the trip to Crockett paid them well. This was an eye opener to the merchants of Lovelady and Grapeland.

Each established a newspaper, the merchants put in larger and better stocks of goods, advertised freely, paid as much for cotton as they do at Crockett, and as a result, Crockett lost this trade from the north and south. Then the new railroad came into the county, the big mill was built, a new town built up, the merchants of Crockett established branch stores there, carrying the same stocks at the new town they do at Crockett. The roads became impassable and forced those who wished to trade at Crockett to go to other towns, and finding everything at these other towns that they would find at Crockett, and prices just as low, continued to trade there. So Lovelady, Grapeland and Kennard are getting all the trade that Crockett has lost. No one can claim that closing the saloons at Crockett did this, for neither of these three places has a saloon. Now Crockett had lost her trade, had no factories to give employment to her workmen and all kinds of improvements ceased, while the increased trade at Lovelady, Grapeland and Kennard caused a boom in building which gave employment to a great many men, and the good wages paid by the mill people induced laboring men to move to this work, consequently vacant houses at Crockett is a natural result. Now what business is it of J. R. Melver, when his interest is not in Crockett, but

in Madison county, or what business is it to me when my interest is in Lovelady particularly and Crockett only in common? Now it may be interesting reading to those writing all this matter that is calculated to create a hard feeling among neighbors that should not exist, but such reading is not at all interesting to the reading public. Your people may fuss, fume and lay the blame to the other fellow, but Lovelady, Grapeland and Kennard will continue to pick the goose, and will continue to do so until Crockett opens her eyes fully to the situation and puts in a few more factories that will give employment to workmen, otherwise she must be content with the trade naturally hers by reason of its being nearest to those trading. It is hoped the two papers will close their columns to this discussion, paid or not paid. Give us good, wholesome reading and the county news, so far as possible.

Lovelady has received between 75 and a 100 bales of cotton since Sept. 1st. When you go to the carnival take a look at Lovelady's exhibit. If she does not take the cake, my name is not Jones.

Miss Anna Collins left this week to accept a position with Mistrot Bros. & Co. at Hubbard City.

Miss Kate Hutchings left Thursday for Dublin where she has accepted a position as teacher in the city school. Messrs. Stokes Hutchings and Hayne Mainer left Friday evening for Dallas where they will take a business course.

Charlie Skipper and Sim Moore will leave Oct. 1st to enter the state medical college at Galveston.

Miss Laura Nelms is at school at the North Texas female college, Sherman.

Heavy rain to-day that will spoil all the small potatoes and turnips.

Yours for a general build-up all over the county.

VAN WINKLE.

Shipped Hogs.

Assistant Superintendent Brown and his first lieutenant, Mr. Walton of the state hog ranch, were busy the first of the week making a shipment of hogs to the Houston Packing Company. The car was sent out Monday evening and contained 86 hogs ranging in age from six to eleven months and the average weight was 200 pounds and the price received was six cents gross in Houston. What do you cotton boll weevil feeders think of that? Good money for pigs, wasn't it? Twelve dollars for a 9-month old pig. Such opportunities for making money and hardly a farmer in the county who will have more than enough hogs to supply his own needs. Not enough hogs in the county to furnish meat. Shame on such methods! How long will it take for our people to realize the error of their way? How much stronger argument in favor of profitable hog raising do you want than this? The hogs shipped were grown on grass and slops and the cost was very small. No use to go into details just now, but let every man get to thinking and at the proper time the Post man will come to your aid with plenty of facts. The boll weevil does not tackle the hog crop.—Huntsville Post-Item.

ALL THE NEWS OF GRAPELAND.

As Told by Homer, the Courier's Correspondent at That Place.

GRAPELAND, Sept., 15.

EDITOR COURIER:

I see in your last issue you ask, "What has become of all our correspondents?" In reply to which I will say that "Homer" is still living in the land and has concluded to interview your readers again through the columns of the COURIER.

Business in our city is improving some along the mercantile line notwithstanding the havoc of the boll weevil, although it does not look very bright for the future of this season as there has been only about fifty bales of cotton received at this depot up to the present writing against about five hundred up to this time last year. This, however, is not a fair test as to the output of the cotton crop, as our cotton is at least one month later than the crop of the last season.

There are still some improvements going on in the city, but the boll weevil has checked it to a considerable extent.

J. E. Hollingsworth is erecting a new building on the corner of Second and Maple streets, on the Denson lot. I learn that this building when completed will be occupied as a photograph gallery and jeweler's shop.

Messrs. J. B. and W. H. Lively have had their residences repainted which adds much to their appearance.

Our school opened on the 7th with an attendance of 124 pupils, which has increased to about 140 and is still increasing. Quite a number of young ladies and young men from all parts of the compass are boarding in the city, attending the school.

Ney Sheridan has completed the telephone line here, which will be a great convenience, especially to the business men.

Rev. H. A. Rialls of Augusta, assisted by Rev. H. H. Hamilton of Lovelady, has been conducting a protracted meeting at the Christian church the past week, which closed Sunday and was a very successful meeting. Rev. Rialls left for Augusta yesterday and Rev. Hamilton for Omen, Smith county, where he will conduct a meeting. Rev. Rialls has been preaching at Terrell the past season, but will make his future home at Augusta, where he will teach the Augusta school, and will preach for the disciples at Grapeland probably twice a month, giving the balance of his time to the Augusta church.

Mrs. Lizzie Cross of Palestine, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Dora White of Daly, returned home Monday.

Mrs. Georgia McMeans of Palestine has been visiting relatives and friends in Grapeland the past week and at the same time taking in the Christian meeting.

Miss Minnie Craddock of Crockett spent several days in Grapeland the past week getting up a music school.

Miss Mary Ella Pipkin of Flo, Texas, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Juka Lively, and attending the meeting.

Jott Wright and wife came down from Palestine Thursday night and spent Friday in Grapeland working in the interest of the carnival.

Miss Sallie Caldwell, who was visiting at Crockett, returned home Monday.

Jake and Will Sheridan, Jim and Chester Kennedy, Mrs. A. O. Rialls, Mrs. Dr. Elliott and Mrs. Dr. Wilson, all of Augusta, attended the meeting here Sunday.

Miss Clara Rice of Crockett was visiting the Misses Howard here last week and attending the meeting.

Mrs. J. B. Cunningham and daughter of San Pedro were attending the meeting here Sunday.

Luther Heerman of Palestine spent several days in Grapeland visiting the girls and taking in the meeting.

Mrs. W. N. Sheridan and daughter, Miss Beulah, were attending the Christian meeting Saturday and Sunday.

The residence of John Tillman, on the farm of J. E. Hollingsworth, was destroyed by fire last Saturday about noon. Most all of the household goods were saved. The fire caught from a defective flue in the kitchen.

Murdock Murchison and Burl Eaves have their new buildings nearly ready for occupancy.

Geo. R. Whitley is having an acre of ground cleared up between the school building and the residence of Mrs. Belle Owens for the purpose of erecting a residence in the near future.

Rev. Jas. Lively has a little boy that is very sick with typhoid fever.

Mrs. H. C. Leaverton is very sick with slow fever, but is somewhat better at the present writing.

Mrs. J. S. Dotson has been very sick, but is now slowly convalescing.

Rev. J. C. Cagle will begin a protracted meeting at the Methodist church tonight. He will be assisted by one or two ministers from a distance—don't know their names. HOMER.

Snow Storm in Colorado.

Colorado Springs, Colo., September 7.—A heavy snow fell on the range between Colorado Springs and Cripple Creek last night. It was impossible to run trains to the summit of Pike's peak to-day on account of snow drifts. Traffic will be resumed as soon as the snowplows can clear the cog road.

Leadville, Colo., September 7.—Snow fell in this city for two hours last night.

Salida, Colo., September 7.—A heavy snowstorm fell on the continental divide last night, and to-day the entire range is covered with several feet of snow.

21 Years a Dyspeptic.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d St., Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years; tried many doctors without relief; recently I got a bottle of Herbina. One bottle cured me, I am now tapering off on the second. I have recommended it to my friends; it is curing them, too." 50c at Smith & French Drug Co's.

Avoid serious results of Kidney or bladder disorder by taking Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

FULL of FALL FINERY

Who has the qualities as well as the quantities? Who shows the new styles first?

THE BIG STORE

Who shows the largest and best assortment? Who always gives the best values in Crockett?

THERE are so many beautiful dress accessories that are popular this season, and by using them, old dresses are made to look almost new. We have quite a large stock of novelties for the house, which will brighten and give elegance to your rooms. It will do you good to see all the pretty things in the store, so come around at your earliest convenience

NOVELTIES.

A varied assortment of Turnover Collars, embroidered, Venise lace, and other styles, from 10c to.....35c

Large Guipure Lace Collars, some with stole ends, several styles to choose from, 90c to.....\$2.00

Buttons are used on all the new waists and dresses, and we have almost any style or color you may want, pearl, turquoise, enameled, polka-dotted, etc., a doz., 50c to.....\$1.25

Sash Pins, Belt Buckles, Slides, etc., in all the newest effects, from 10c to.....50c

Shoe String Belts, with metal pin, light blue and black, each.....25c

Monte Carlo Belt, made of ribbon and braid, plaited, has long tassels, white or black, newest thing out, each.....\$1.00

Indian Bead Belts, 60 inches long, turquoise and white, each.....\$1.00

Embroidered Dresser Scarfs, 25c to....50c
 Embroidered Table Covers, 25c to....50c
 Embroidered Center Pieces, 15c to....50c
 Linen Dresser scarfs, hemstitched and have drawn work all around, each.....75c
 Tray Cloths, same style, each.....50c
 New Lot of Handkerchiefs, for men, women and children, from 2½c to.....\$1.50

MILLINERY.

Miss Ada Haile has just returned from the millinery centers where she bought an unusually attractive lot of hats, trimmings, etc. Come in to see her, and she will gladly tell you about the new styles and will show you some beautiful hats.

NEW PETTICOATS.

Nearsilk Petticoat, striped effects in blue, red, grey and black, deep flounce, for.....50c

Flannelette Skirt, checks or stripes, all colors, light or dark, deep flounce, for.....65c

Nearsilk Skirt with accordion pleated ruffle, lavender, purple, red or black, each.....85c

Black Nearsilk Skirt, accordion pleated ruffle, extra nice, only.....90c

Mercerized Satteen Skirt, fan pleated ruffle, very elaborate, black with white figures, elegantly made, price.....\$2.25

RUG ROOM.

Our New Rug Room is a thing of beauty and brings joy to the heart of every woman who enters it. Don't fail to see it. There we have almost every grade or style of rug you can call for, and we have some very choice art squares.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Hillsboro, Texas, August 11th, 1903.—Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway Company has been called by the Board of Directors of said company, to convene at the general offices of said company in the city of Hillsboro at nine o'clock A. M., on the 27th day of October, 1903, for the purpose of authorizing the making, execution and delivery of a first mortgage bond upon the following properties, to-wit:

The line of railroad now under construction belonging to the Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway Company, and beginning at a point in the city of Cleburne, in Johnson county, Texas, and extending thence eastwardly through the counties of Johnson, Hill and Limestone to a point in the town of Mexia, in Limestone county, Texas, including the franchise of said railway company, together with all its rights of way, depot grounds, terminal facilities, structures, improvements and real estate, together with all equipment, rolling stock, machinery, engines, round houses, shops, buildings and tools, and any and all property owned by said Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway Company in the counties of Johnson, Hill and Limestone in the State of Texas, and such other property as said railway company may hereafter acquire, or so much thereof as the stockholders of said company may authorize.

And to authorize the making, execution and delivery of the first mortgage bonds of said company in an amount not exceeding \$25,000.00 per mile for each mile of main line constructed or hereafter constructed by said company be-

tween said points, said bonds to be payable in gold coin, at a time not exceeding thirty years from their date, and to bear interest at not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, to be issued for the purpose of paying for, completing, improving, equipping and operating the said line of railroad. Also to consider and adopt by-laws for the corporation.

E. SAMMONS,
 Secretary, Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway Company.

One Minute.

Physical labor, as farming, clerking, etc., is honorable, but mental labor pays better. You can earn more through your brain than your brawn, more by using your head than your hand.

Don't you want a good salary? A steady one? One more likely to increase? Then come and take a course in Tyler College, Tyler, Texas. It costs little; it pays much.

Many of our recent graduates are earning \$75 to \$100 per month.

With all respect to small, unknown schools and to those large ones that teach the old systems, we must say that you cannot afford other than the latest, the largest, the most noted—Tyler College.

The reputation of the school is yours. Already the best advertised, the best known, the best patronized in the South (and that is the test) what must we be in a few years?

Young men, young women, what we have done for others we can do for you.

Write for free catalogue at once.

Croup.

Usually begins with the symptoms of a common cold; there is chilliness, sneezing, sore throat, hot skin, quick pulse, hoarseness and impeded respiration. Give frequent small doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. (The child will cry for it) and at the first sign of a croupy cough, apply frequently Ballard's Snow Liment externally to the throat. 50c at Smith & French Drug Co's.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

(Real Estate.)

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Houston County, on the 28th day of July A. D. 1903, in the case of H. S. Murdock versus N. J. Bowdoin, as principal and J. E. Hollingsworth and H. C. Leaverton as sureties, No. 996 and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 7th day of September A. D. 1903, and will, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock p. m. on the first Tuesday in October A. D. 1903, it being the sixth day of said month, at the Court House door of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which the said J. E. Hollingsworth had on the 20th day of February A. D. 1903, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property to-wit: 32 acres of the M. P. Mead survey, situated near the town of Grapeland in the County of Houston and State of Texas, and more particularly described by field notes as follows:

Beginning at the S. W. corner of the G. M. Hollingsworth survey, on the W. B. line of the M. P. Mead 640 acre survey, at J. A. Davis' N. W. corner on said survey a large post for corner; thence north 81 E. with J. A. Davis' N. B. line at about 300 vrs. a stake for corner; thence north 13 W. at about 578 vrs. to A. W. Pelhams S. E. corner; thence south 87 W. with A. W. Pelhams S. B. line at about 283 vrs. to S. T. Anthony's line on the W. B. line of said Mead survey; thence south 9 E. with said W. B. line at about 665 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 32 acres more or less, said property being levied on as the property of J. E. Hollingsworth to satisfy a judgement amounting to \$95.00, in favor of H. S. Murdock and costs of suit.

Given under my hand this 7th day of Sept. A. D. 1903.

E. B. HALE,
 Sheriff, Houston Co., Tex.
 By O. B. HALE, Deputy.

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Raised From the Dead.
 C. W. Landis, "Porter" for the Oriental Hotel, Chanute, Kan., says: "I know what it was to suffer with neuralgia, dead I did, and I got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liment and I was 'raised from the dead.' I tried to get some more, but before I had 'deposited' my bottle, I was cured entirely. I am tellin' de truth too." 35c, 50c and \$1.00 at Smith & French Drug Co's.

Cured Hemorrhages of the Lungs.
 "Several years since my lungs were so badly affected that I had many hemorrhages," writes A. M. Ake of Wpod, Ind. "I took treatment with several physicians without any benefit. I then started to take Foley's Honey and Tar and my lungs are now as sound as a bullet. I recommend it in advanced stages of lung trouble." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

Foley's Honey and Tar
 cures colds, prevents pneumonia.

Foley's Kidney Cure
 makes kidneys and bladder right.



Life in the Country.

We have been out in the country again to pet the wabby calf and watch the angry little bee gather more honey. We left "the busy mart" one morning just at day break when the smells of a great city were shedding their billous odor on a dyspeptic air. We left the city not because we couldn't take it with us, but because we didn't want it along. We are particular about our company when we go where we might feel ashamed of ourself—and we went to the country.

We were born in the country and adopted the city because the city wouldn't adopt us. Inasmuch as blood is thicker than water, we like God's country best. That is why, when we get all gummied up in the cerebral region, we hurry away to the land of our nativity—the free, unbridled country!

Not that we have ever hankered for a farmer's life, our divine afflatus and a disproportionate central staturary that bothers us when we put on our shoes, forbidding; but we have often dreamed of being a gentleman farmer. In our mind's eye we have flitted from flower to flower on the farm, scratching the pigs with a cob, feeling new horns sprouting on the infantile rams, salting the new kittens, haltering the turkey gobbler, gathering the eggs where the horses have failed to eat them, snaring gophers from post holes, teaching the dog to bite book-agents, fighting the chinch bugs and the Jersey cow out of the wheat field, taking skimmed milk to the village, bragging about our horses and how near lightning came to hitting our barn!

Up to our recent visit this was our dream of the farm. Now we know we have been deceived. All farmers of to-day are gentlemen farmers, and just as soon as we can find a farmer fool enough to swap places with us we are going out into the rural districts to eat green corn off the cob and be happy tho' married.

At the farm home the grass in the front yard was clipped with a lawn mower, there were a hammock and easy chairs. The dinner was a dream. The farmer spent the day enjoying himself while the hired help did the work. There were yet two picnics and a sale to attend that week.

We have always contended that while the farmer feeds us all he usually keeps the best for his own larder. There is a huge overgrown belief in town that a farmer skimps his own table to carry food-stuffs to market. Perish the error; the farmer has fresh eggs and vegetables, the yellow-legged chickens cavort about his legs and the apples in his orchard are as ruddy-hued as the cheeks of his pretty daughters. His mail is delivered at his door, he has a telephone and takes forty-seven periodicals which he reads before passing them to that bourne from which newspapers never return.

His life is not ideal, but it has a leaning that way. Don't pity the farmer; save your sympathy for the town slave.

A Green Cucumber.

We have been thinking we would write a poem on what a green cucumber does to a man, but we could only think of one line:

"Oh, what the green cucumber does to a man is a plenty!"

That was plenty for the man, but not enough for a poem, so we smoked on in silence and decided that what a green cucumber does to a man could not be told in verse. Therefore, we began to write in prose. After filling seventeen pages with the worst lot of stomachaches on record, we decided what a green cucumber does to a man is so much that it cannot even be told in prose. We then tried crowding it into both prose and poetry, but gave it up at last, deciding to leave this sign for your perusal:

.....
: If you would be well served, :
: Serve yourself. :
.....

After serving yourself you will know all about what a green cucumber does to a man. Then you may write your own thesis on "Stomachaches I Have Had," or "What the Green Cucumber Did to Me When I Wasn't Looking." For the best description of a cucumber contortion in its active state, we will give one pair of brass cuff-handles, warranted to fit. Write early and avoid crowding.

To the housewife who has not yet become acquainted with the new things of everyday use in the market and who is reasonably satisfied with the old, we would suggest that a trial of Defiance Cold Water Starch be made at once. Not alone because it is guaranteed by the manufacturers to be superior to any other brand, but because each 10c package contains 16 ozs., while all the other kinds contain but 12 ozs. It is safe to say that the lady who once uses Defiance Starch will use no other. Quality and quantity must win.

There has been started in Malden, Mass., a goat farm for the production of goat's milk. The promoters expect that there will be a large demand for the milk, especially for the dietary treatment of sick babies.

The London religious census recently taken embraced 2,538 churches and sixty-two synagogues, ministering to a population of 4,468,949. The total attendance was 1,002,940, which is about two in nine.

Superior quality and extra quantity must win. This is why Defiance Starch is taking the place of all others.

Russia has invested in Manchuria millions for railways, millions for a standing army to protect them, and \$20,000,000 in building the city of Dairen. The total is hundreds of millions.

Alaskan natives have developed a great fondness for bacon, hard bread, canned beef and other foods of like nature.

"ALL SIGNS FAIL IN A DRY TIME. THE SIGN OF THE FISH NEVER FAILS IN A WET TIME."

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

George W. Coleman killed David A. Calvin near Selma, Ala.

Bulgarian elections for the sobranie (national assembly) will be held October 18.

Unless Oklahoma acts soon she may lose her share of the national irrigation fund.

W. B. Newman's gin near Winkler, Navarro County, was destroyed by fire a few days ago.

Fire destroyed the Bradley-Burr company's carriage and wagon works at Chicago, with a loss of \$30,000.

An explosion in the electric light plant at Sherman damaged property of the company, but injured no one.

Four negroes are in jail at Tyler on a charge of ordering Mrs. J. V. Carter of that place to cook them their dinner.

Macedonian insurgents routed 600 Turkish troops in an engagement at Yettehe, in the Perim district of Roumelia.

The Bank of Willoughby at Willoughby, O., has closed its doors. The Citizens' Savings and Trust Company of Cleveland was appointed receiver.

Judge Thompson denied the Danville rioters a new trial and sentenced them to the Chester penitentiary, except Beasie Armstrong, who was sent to Joliet.

Archbishop Ireland was the labor day orator at St. Paul. One point made by the noted speaker was that labor unions have no right to impose opinions by force.

Mead D. Detwiler, of Harrisburg Pa., and Thomas F. McNulty, of Baltimore, are the new trustees of the Elks National home at Bedford, Va.

Rufus Connells, the Guthrie banker has been bound over to await the action of the grand jury under \$3000 bond. Connells had five banks in Southern Oklahoma.

Ohio Democrats opened their campaign at Akron Wednesday night. Thirty thousand persons attended and speeches were made by Tom Johnson and John H. Clark.

The Mexican Clay Manufacturing company, having offices in Cleveland, O., and the City of Mexico, has passed into the hands of a receiver. Total indebtedness \$1,000,000.

Motor cyclists met at Manhattan Beach and organized a national protective association under the name of the Federation of American Motor Cyclists.

Miss Cloyette Brownlow, daughter of Congressman Brownlow of Jonesboro, Tenn., eloped with Mark E. Pritchett, a liveryman. Miss Brownlow made her debut in Washington society last winter and was a favorite.

At Belgrade, a mob made a great demonstration against the newspapers which defended the army officers recently arrested. The crowd attempted to proceed to the Turkish legation, but was dispersed by the police.

The weather bureau's weekly crop report is not favorable to cotton, except in Florida. Corn is maturing rapidly. In cotton, the two Carolinas, Oklahoma and portions of Mississippi make the best showing.

Leopold J. Stein, who was indicted several weeks ago for complicity in alleged fraudulent contracts for furnishing letter carriers' satchels to the government, has been located at Toronto, Canada.

It is admitted by all concerned that war is inevitable between Bulgaria and Turkey. Macedonia rebels are forcing Bulgarians to take the field everywhere and whole districts have been devastated in the most fertile sections of what is known as Turkey in Europe.

According to official statements from the Yucatan Government there were 122 cases of yellow fever during the month of August, of which fifty proved fatal. In Progresso there were nine cases, but no deaths.

Pastor M. J. Ward, pastor of St. Thomas Roman Catholic church, Detroit, Wis., refuses to give absolution to members of the International Typographical union. The going to the union, he says, places it above the

TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

SHERIFF OF JACKSON COUNTY SHOT AND KILLED.

DEPUTY AND PRISONER KILLED.

Prisoner Had Bought Diamonds on a Worthless Check and Was Arrested on the Train at Edna.

Victoria, Texas, Sept. 13.—News was received here yesterday evening that Sheriff George Wharton and Deputy Sheriff Frank Bragh of Jackson county were shot and killed in the jail at Edna yesterday afternoon by W. T. Lander, alias M. G. Cagle of Macon, Ga., and that Cagle was himself shot and killed by Sheriff Wharton.

Cagle was operating here in Victoria for several days, having come here in quest of rice lands, and stated that he was a Philadelphia capitalist. He drew on a Portsmouth, Va., bank through a local bank for \$9,000, but the checks proved to be worthless. He succeeded in securing \$600 worth of diamonds and \$100 in cash on these checks. When told later that the Portsmouth bank would not honor his checks, and he was requested to return the diamonds and cash, he did so, but at once wired J. J. Dawes of Philadelphia to send \$750 to cover purchases. No answer came.

During the night Cagle disappeared and yesterday took the train at Keeran and was arrested on the train at Edna on information from Victoria county sheriff. After having been taken to the jail an attempt was made to search him, when he opened fire, killing both sheriff and deputy.

After Sheriff Wharton had been shot he sent four bullets through Cagle's head, killing him.

AFTER STRIKE BREAKERS.

Their Presence in New Orleans Has Infuriated Labor Unions.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 14.—A double line of police pickets has been thrown around the commissary ships anchored in the river just off the Southern Pacific docks, on which are quartered the strike breakers. The presence here of Edson, the famous strike breaker, who took such a daring part in breaking the street car strike one year ago, has infuriated labor unions all over the city.

The police late last night got wind of what they feared might be a plot to blow up the commissary ships and put an end to Edson's daring career in the South. It is thought several secret meetings have been held and that some plan is on foot to get Edson.

Capt. Creagh, in command of the police at the Southern Pacific docks, said last night that he had a line through which it would be impossible for a skiff or any craft to pass and come anywhere near the Clinton and Guisac.

Miner Assassinated.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 14.—Chas. Marsh, a non-union miner employed by the Tennessee Coal Company at Briceville, Tenn., was assassinated at his home Saturday night by an unknown man. Marsh had retired for the night when he heard a man by his home using vulgar and profane language. Marsh went to the door and cautioned the man to keep quiet, when the fellow pulled a pistol and shot Marsh in the chest. Marsh fell back into the arms of his wife and expired. The murderer escaped in the dark. Officers have no clew.

A Negro Town.

Welch, I. T., Sept. 14.—A new town named Boley will be opened by a town-site company on Sept. 25. It will be exclusively for negroes and no white man will be allowed to hold property. A postoffice has been established and a negro named Mims appointed postmaster. Boley is located thirty-three miles west of Welch and is in a fertile section of the country. All the allottees in the near vicinity are negroes. Boley bears the distinction of being the only "negro town" backed by a railway.

Fed Weevils With Peas.

Crockett, Texas, Sept. 14.—A farmer who lives about two miles east of here brought in a limb from a cotton stalk which had on it a dozen matured bolls, which had not been damaged by the boll weevil. He says that there is about eight acres in this patch, and the reason he gives for it not being damaged by the weevil is that he planted peas with this cotton, and that the weevils ate the peas instead of the cotton.

STRIKE DECLARED OFF.

New Orleans Longshoremen Will Resume Work This Morning.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 14.—The differences of the longshoremen were settled at noon yesterday, and the men returned to work this morning at 7 o'clock, after having the entire port tied up for ten days.

A new agreement will be signed for three years. At yesterday's conference between the longshoremen and the agents it was agreed that the men eliminate the demand for four men on a side or eight men in a hatch. They will receive five hours' time when sent to Westwego, Chalmette or Southport, and all foremen must be members of their organization, but the stevedores have a right to choose. The old tariff of wages, 40 cents per hour daytime, 60 cents for night and overtime, and 80 cents for Sundays and legal holidays, will prevail.

A protection clause will be inserted, at the demand of the agents, to read that the associations cannot adopt any new rules that will increase the cost of working ships during the term of the contract. Work on all ships that have been idle since noon Friday, Sept. 4, will resume work early this morning.

With this settlement only the Southern Pacific dock workers' strike remains. It has no connection with the general longshoremen's lockout. The company is importing more men every day, the trained strike-breakers of the Thiel Detective Agency of St. Louis acting as foremen. They had 350 men at work yesterday. The company has positively refused to budge in their stand against the strike, and the strikers declare they will not return to work at the old wages of 30 cents per hour.

Killed by an Automobile.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 14.—Frank D. Day of Detroit was killed in an automobile accident at the State Fair grounds Saturday while driving Barney Oldfield's machine on a five mile race against time. Day had covered about four miles of the distance, when, reaching the head of the home stretch, the machine, running sixty miles an hour, swerved and ran into a fence and toppled over. As the machine upset Day received a terrific shock on the back of the head which rendered him unconscious.

Hurricane in Bahamas.

Nassau, Bahamas, Sept. 14.—A severe hurricane began here on Wednesday night and has just ended. The lowest point reached by the barometer was 29.29 and the velocity of the wind which came from the northeast was ninety miles an hour. Great damage has been done to vegetation and farm products, while the fruit crops have been ruined. Many houses were damaged, but no lives were lost. The shipping around this island was badly damaged. No news from the other islands has yet been received.

Saw an Airship.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 14.—A torpedo shaped airship about thirty feet long and containing two men passed over the city yesterday afternoon. It came from the northwest, circled over the southern part of the city at a height of several hundred feet and disappeared in an easterly direction. Several hundred people watched the ship, many of them with field glasses. Nothing is known of it here.

Heavy Snow in Yellowstone.

Yellowstone Park, Wyo., Sept. 14.—Six inches of snow on the level has fallen throughout Yellowstone Park during the last forty-eight hours.

Memphis Tragedy.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 14.—A special to the Commercial Appeal from Kosciusko, Miss., says: "In a disagreement today T. H. Teriot, manager of the Comfort House, a leading hotel, struck Walker Franks, a well known man, over the head with a short club, killing him. Teriot surrendered."

Charged with Murder.

Fort Worth, Texas, Sept. 14.—Bob Brown, a negro, was placed in the county jail last night charged with having killed his wife by administering poison.

One-Eyed Wild Man.

Terrell, Texas, Sept. 14.—It is reported that a wild man has been seen in the Trinity River bottom near Red Bank. He is described as being a tall negro, one-eyed, nude, and hairy all over. When seen the wild man ran and so did the party who saw him. The point where the stranger was seen is in the southern part of this county. The story of the wild man has had the effect, it is said, of keeping all negroes out of the bottom.

REPORT OF WEEVIL EXPERTS.

NONE OF THE REMEDIES MET THE REQUIREMENTS.

ANOTHER SEASON TO DECIDE IT.

By the Meeting of Farmers at the Various Places—There Are 162 Claimants for the Reward.

Austin, Texas, Sept. 12.—The report of the state boll weevil reward committee was filed yesterday with the governor.

It details the results of its investigations and names those who have applied for the reward.

No recommendations are made. A synopsis of the report is as follows: To His Excellency, S. W. T. Lanham, Governor of Texas:

Dear Sir: The board of practical farmers appointed by you, under an act passed by the last legislature, providing for the extermination of boll weevil, beg leave to submit the following report:

At the meeting held in your office on the 5th day of August, acting under section 5 of the law referred to, you appointed three places of meeting where these tests contemplated by the law might be made before this board of practical farmers. The three places were San Marcos, Taylor, and Brenham. The time of the San Marcos meeting was fixed for August 17, and on that day all of the members of the board met in San Marcos; and, after a short meeting in the district court room, at which time Mr. Wentworth of Floresville appeared before the board and outlined his plan for the destruction of the boll weevil, but as it was entirely cultural no demonstration could be made at this meeting; the board then adjourned to the place selected by Mr. Mobane, a member of the board, where the tests should be made. This was on a farm owned by Frank Johnson, about one and a half miles from San Marcos. The claimants for the reward appear-

ed at the place selected and exhibited their plans:

A. G. Farrington, Yoakum, Texas, showed a trap machine, which was constructed for the catching of grown toll weevil and such other insects as might be on the plant at the time the machine was used.

George Franklin (colored) of San Marcos exhibited a spray which he claimed would kill not only boll weevil, but all other insects that might be on the plant.

R. L. Williams also exhibited a spray that was intended to destroy the boll weevil as well as other insects.

Henry Merkin, formerly of California, but now residing in Austin, exhibited a spray which he claimed would make the plant immune from attacks of boll weevils and other insects.

Milton Gates (colored) of Guadalupe county exhibited a spray which he claimed would kill the weevil.

Jerry F. Smith of Cleburne exhibited a plan for fumigation of the plant which he claimed would either kill or drive away the weevil and every other insect from the plant.

The board adjourned the San Marcos meeting on the 19th of August, to meet at Taylor on the next day.

After the meeting at Brenham it was the conclusion of this board of practical farmers that no further experiments should be undertaken this year and that notice might be given to all those who desired to make any further proof of the value of their discoveries as to meetings that will be held after the planting of the crop for the next year.

The number of claimants for the reward offered by the state for the destruction of boll weevil up to the time of making this report is 162. The number of affidavits filed is thirty-nine. Quite a number of these claims are based upon cultural methods and present many similarities. Those remedies that propose to treat the plant with some form of poison or fumigation are also subject to the same description.

STRIKE IS SPREADING.

Teamsters Presented Demands and Threaten to Strike.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 12.—The Leyland line and the Elder-Dempster Steamship Company yesterday announced that they would abandon the port of New Orleans until the dock strike here is settled. This makes five lines that have withdrawn from this port on account of the labor troubles on the river front, and it is said others will follow. The Leyland and Elder-Dempster vessels have been ordered to load and unload their cargoes at Galveston, Port Arthur and Mobile.

The strike on the levees show symptoms of spreading. The teamsters presented demands to the bosses yesterday for an increase in wages and announced that they would strike on Monday unless their demands are complied with.

Traffic on the river front is still paralyzed, except at the Southern Pacific docks, where non-union men are employed under police protection.

Wagoner's Case Set for Trial.

Clinton, La., Sept. 12.—The murder case of James Wagoner of Texas, who killed Samuel H. Smith, an attendant in the Louisiana insane asylum at Jackson, La., some weeks ago, has been set for trial at this place September 21. Both sides have employed able lawyers and a big legal battle is expected.

After Separate Cars.

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 12.—A petition addressed to the city council asking that the San Antonio Traction Company be required to provide separate compartments for whites and blacks has been circulated in the city and has been generally signed by the leading citizens and business men.

The petition will be presented to the council at the next regular meeting. There is but little, if any, opposition to the proposed measure among the white citizens.

Fined for Smoking.

Greenville, Texas, Sept. 12.—In the county court yesterday the appeal case of Dick Dillingham from Commerce was tried and the accused convicted and fined \$20. He was prosecuted for smoking at a tent meeting in Commerce some time ago.

Call for Bank Statement.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The controller of the currency yesterday issued a call for a statement of the condition of the National Banks at the close of business Wednesday.

Loved to See Buildings Burn.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 12.—Edward Orphan confessed to the police that since last April he had committed highway robbery seven times and set fire to at least that many buildings.

His action in setting fire to different buildings, he says, had been prompted by no other motive than a desire to see the buildings burn.

Disatisfaction over the amount of booty secured from F. C. Fletcher, one of his victims, led to his arrest. He got only a dime from Fletcher, and several days later he was heard declaiming bitterly against men who walk the streets with no larger sums than 10 cents in their pockets. His talk aroused the suspicion of one of his supposed friends, who notified the police.

Hillsboro Tax Levy.

Hillsboro, Texas, Sept. 12.—The city council met last night and made the levy of 25 cents on the \$100 valuation in accordance with the election Wednesday for the benefit of the public schools. This will add about \$5000 to the public school fund.

Killed His Sister.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—Stewart Johnson, 8 years old, shot and killed his sister, 16 years, at their home last night. The boy had been given a rifle as a birthday present and was playing with it when it was discharged, the bullet entering his sister's heart. Stewart was overcome by grief. The police made no arrest.

Voluntary Bankruptcy Petition.

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 12.—William Weber, a wholesale and retail tobacconist of this city, yesterday filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, scheduling his liabilities at \$4686; assets, \$1277. Creditors are in San Antonio, St. Louis, New York and Dayton, Ohio.

Killed by a Spider Bite.

Denison, Texas, Sept. 12.—Edith Emerson, aged 11 years, died yesterday at Virginia Point from the effects of a spider bite.

Ordered to Make Ready.

Paris, Sept. 12.—The commander of the French Mediterranean squadron at Toulon received an order to hold himself in readiness to leave for the Levant with a naval division consisting of the battleship Brennus, the armored cruiser Latouche Treville, the second class cruiser Du Chayla and the third class cruiser Linois, under command of Admiral Jaureguiberry.

Tehuaca, Texas.—Incendiary prairie fires have done great damage in this vicinity recently.

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STORM ON FLORIDA COAST.

**Great Damage Was Done--Steamers Wrecked and
Many Lives Lost--News Incomplete.**

Jacksonville, Fla., Sept. 14.—The wires south of Palm Beach and Tampa are still down and will not be in operation for a day or two. The Western Union Telegraph Company sent a large force of men and a camp train down the east coast last night. Further details of the storm disaster have been received by mail and from passengers on incoming trains.

The steamer Inebula, of Liverpool, owned by the Inch Shipping Company, from Galveston, lumber and cotton seed meal, for Hampton Roads, went ashore near Boynton Friday night. The ship's steering gear broke and she floated at will, striking the beach with great force and breaking into three pieces. The captain, mate and fourteen of the crew were saved, nine were drowned, among them the engineer. The small boat, with five men, was battered to pieces by the waves, and its occupants drowned.

The schooner Matt Thomas, 750 tons, Captain Wells, cargo of lumber from Appalachicola for Baltimore, was wrecked nine miles south of Jupiter. The schooner is split in half. The crew were all saved.

At Palm Beach the damage was serious. Crumpler's opera house was partly unroofed, as were eight other business blocks, which were also damaged in other ways. The Lake Worth

region was a heavy sufferer. All the boats on the Lake Worth front, excepting three, were wrecked and sunk. The Hotel Royal Poinchiana was slightly damaged.

Two lives were lost in Tampa by the storm. Louis Baron, a cigar maker, who was struck by the falling cornice of a building, died yesterday. His skull was fractured. T. Y. Hunnicut, a motorman, met his death near the Cuesta Rey cigar factory in West Tampa. He received a shock from a live wire, which proved fatal. The conductor who came to his assistance was also fatally shocked.

The top of the Beula Baptist church (colored) was torn and carried across the street. The gable end of the Yaeary and Owen buildings, adjacent to the Seaboard Air Line depot, was torn completely away. In Flor City several factories were badly damaged.

The property loss at Tampa will reach at least \$50,000.

It is estimated that half of the orange crop will be probably cut around Tampa, and one-fourth on the East Coast. There are no wires south of Tampa and trains are delayed. What has happened at Punta Gorda and Punta Rossa is not known. It is reported that Punta Rossa was completely washed away, but no communication with the place is yet possible.

POSTOFFICE INVESTIGATION.

Summons issued on Postmaster General in Beaver's Case.

Washington, Sept. 15.—George M. Beavers, the former chief of the division of salaries and allowances of the postoffice department has retained a local lawyer as counsel. At the instance of the latter a subpoena was served on the postmaster general yesterday directing the production of the records in the salary and allowance division in connection with the supply of the Dent-Brandt cashiers at the hearing of Beavers to be held in New York Sept. 15, under the Brooklyn indictment. Beavers' counsel, in accordance with the legal requirements, tendered the postmaster general the prescribed fees and mileage expense necessary for the trip, which the postmaster general declined to accept, explaining that it was impracticable for him to go to New York at that time.

Postmaster General Payne has arranged to spend a week at Virginia Hot Springs, and will leave for there tonight. Mr. Payne asserts confidence in the closing of the investigation by the early part of October.

The federal grand jury which has been investigating the postal cases, resumed its sessions yesterday, examined several witnesses and adjourned until today.

The ball of August Machen, the deposed head of the free delivery system, yesterday was raised from \$20,000 to \$30,000. The decision to advance the amount was reached by District Attorney Beach as the result of additional indictments reported against Machen last week. The indictments against Machen now number thirteen.

Young Woman Drowned.

Moulton, Texas, Sept. 15.—The people of the community were shocked at the finding of the body of Miss Annie Fayt in a pool of water under the railroad bridge over Ponton's creek, about six miles south of here. She was picking cotton for Mr. Darlek. The children made her angry and she said she was going home, which is in Shiner. She left the field Saturday and her body was found Sunday. Squire Anderson and Dr. Gunther and Deputy Gus Arnim and others went to hold the inquest. The verdict was that she came to her death by drowning (suicidal intent). Some are of the opinion that she was foully dealt with.

Protest to Be Made.

London, Sept. 15.—The Associated Press is informed that Japan and Great Britain have exchanged views on the latest demands made by Russia on China and will protest separately to the Pekin government against their acceptance. In case this should prove fruitless and Russia continues her occupation of Manchuria, Japan proposes to break off the negotiations with Russia for a definition of their respective rights in Manchuria and Korea and to demand of the St. Petersburg government that it evacuate Chinese territory.

A Missing Woman.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 15.—Mrs. Austin Flynn of this city sailed from England Aug. 12 with a fortune of several thousand dollars left her by a relative. She landed in New York Aug. 19, and since then her family here has heard nothing from her. They believe she confided to some one on the ship the fact that she had a large sum of money, and that she was robbed and murdered after she landed. A fruitless search has been made in New York for the woman and the matter has been placed in the hands of the police.

Curtis Jett's Trial.

Cynthiana, Ky., Sept. 15.—In the trial here for the alleged murder of Marshal James Cockrell at Jackson, Ky., Attorney Blanton yesterday afternoon renewed his motion for a continuance made yesterday morning, and made arguments. The motion for a continuance was overruled. Court adjourned until this morning.

U. S. Senator Scott Seriously Ill.

Denver, Col., Sept. 15.—Senator Nathan B. Scott of West Virginia is ill at the Brown Palace Hotel in this city. He is suffering from injuries received in a wreck near Chicago Friday, and also from malarial fever, and is in a serious condition. He was borne from the train to the hotel on a stretcher.

Mexia Schools Opened.

Mexia, Texas, Sept. 15.—The public schools opened here yesterday morning with a good attendance. Prof. N. R. Crozier, our new superintendent, is in charge, and he is making a good impression on both the pupil and the patron.

DON'T "FLIP THE COIN."

**Grave Court Has Declared it is a
Misdemeanor.**

Those residents of Washington who are in the habit of flipping a coin with their friends to decide which shall stand treat will do well in the future to do so in private, or at least not within the sight of a police officer. According to a ruling of Judge Bundy of the District branch of the police court, such practice is an act of disorder, and he imposed a fine of \$10 on four young men who were caught in the act of matching a coin.

According to the testimony of two policemen, the young men were standing near the corner of Thirteenth and 3 streets northwest, about 12 o'clock Saturday night, flipping a 25-cent piece. Their conduct, the officers said, was not boisterous, and the only thing against them was that they "matched the coin."

The defendants explained that they had had a midnight luncheon and were trying to decide who should stand treat for the cigars by flipping a coin. The court ruled that it was an act of disorder and imposed a fine on each. The fines were paid.—Washington Star.

A Boy's Victory.

Crossroads, Tenn., Sept. 14th.—Orbra Young, the ten-year-old son of Lester Young of this place, is a bright boy, and one who is very well liked by all who know him.

For some years Orbra has suffered a great deal with a form of Kidney Trouble which was very annoying, and which made him miserable all the time. He had to get up three or four times every night, almost all his life. His father heard of a remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills, and bought some for the little fellow with the result that he is now completely cured of the old trouble. He says:

"Dodd's Kidney Pills soon gave me great relief, and now I can sleep all night without having to get up. We will always praise Dodd's Kidney Pills."

There are many children suffering from Kidney and Urinary troubles. These disorders should be promptly corrected. Dodd's Kidney Pills is a safe and sure remedy for all such derangements.

Master Orbra Young conquered his troubles and made a well boy of himself by using Dodd's Kidney Pills, and say one may do the same by the same means.

Parents should see to it that their children are given a fair chance in life, and there is nothing that can undermine the health of a growing child as much as Kidney and Urinary derangements.

A radical plan for getting rid of the plague has been suggested at Bombay—that of removing 300,000 people and thoroughly disinfecting their homes.

The man who wants the earth is the very one the earth can get along without.

A LARGE COTTON CROP.

Lower Prices.

It begins to appear as if the supply of cotton this year will be fully equal to all requirements, and the cotton planters of the South will doubtless act wisely in selling the cotton they have raised just as promptly as it can be brought to market.

The U. S. Government in its report on the cotton crop, issued on the 3rd of September, makes the condition of the crop \$1.2. This is 17.2 per cent better than the report at the same time last year, and the acreage shows an increase of about 4 per cent. This is a total of 21 per cent over last year's indicated production, which is the equivalent of about 2,000,000 bales of cotton. The indicated crop is, therefore, somewhere in the neighborhood of 13,000,000 bales, and, while it is possible that an early frost or bad weather may diminish these figures slightly, a crop of at least 12,000,000 bales or over seems probable. Such a crop, if realized, undoubtedly means much lower prices. It is to be hoped that the cotton planters of the South will not be misled by false prophets into holding their cotton, but that they will, on the contrary, sell it as rapidly as it comes in. Nearly all authorities are confirmatory of the Government figures. Mr. Theodore H. Price, the well-known expert, makes the condition \$2 and the crop 12,700,000 bales; and the figures of the N. Y. Journal of Commerce indicate about the same conclusion.

The truth seems to be that the abnormally high prices to which cotton advanced during the spring and summer, although they profited planters but little, as the crop was practically all marketed before these prices were realized, have greatly stimulated planting and production in every direction.

San Francisco's city engineer includes an item of \$751,000 for children's playgrounds in his report on improvements.

No chronic or cheap premiums, but a better quality and containing more of DeWitt's Starch for the same price of other starches.

Sand-blinded sufferers who have not heard of the efficacy of

MITCHELL'S EYE SALVE

should know that this reliable Salve is in constant demand wherever the complaint is prevalent.

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Cannot Penetrate

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Warranted Waterproof. Made to stand hard wear. Look for the trade mark. If your dealer hasn't them, write us. THE LOWRY MANUFACTURING CO., SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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Deluxe made Overalls, Denim Pants and Shirts. Look for the trade mark. If your dealer hasn't them, write us. THE LOWRY MANUFACTURING CO., SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

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Best, safest, cheapest and strongest. For fences, lawns, farms and orchards. Anchor stays, clamps and tighteners make the old fence good as new at small cost. If you need new fencing of the old one made repairing, let us send our free catalogue—this price is right about the lowest, new or old. TEXAS ANCHOR FENCE CO., FORT WORTH.

Put your finger on our trade mark. Tell your dealer you want the best starch your money can buy. Insist on having the best, **DEFIANCE**. It is 16 ounces for 10 cents. No premiums, but one pound of the very best starch made. We put all our money in the starch. It needs no cooking. It is absolutely pure. It gives satisfaction or money back.

THE DEFIANCE STARCH CO.
Omaha, Neb.

Read! Read! Read! Smith Medical Co. St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 15th, 1902. Gentlemen:— I write to tell you of the good results of

SMITH'S SURE KIDNEY CURE

I have had kidney trouble four years, tried 3 doctors and several patent medicines, with little relief until advised by Mr. C. N. Heron to try your Kidney Cure and two bottles did more good than all other treatment. I think Smith's Sure Kidney Cure the best of all. It will do all and more than you claim for it. It relieved me of indigestion or stomach trouble. I am thankful.

Yours very truly,
O. A. HARPER, J. P.

Price 50 cents and \$1.00. For sale by all druggists.

When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

W. N. U. HOUSTON—NO. 38, 1903

PISTON'S CURE is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. EXMSLEY, Vanburen, Ind., Feb. 10, 1905.

If a mining camp can turn out several dead men every week it is called a "live camp."

PRETTY TOUGH TO SCRATCH
For a living and relief also. Hunt's Cure will cure you of Itch, Tetter, Ringworm, Itching Piles, Eczema. Guaranteed by all dealers.

There is nothing so valuable and yet so cheap as politeness.

Fifth year of London Conservatory opens Sept. 5th. The famous pianist, Edward B. Perry, is one of its teachers. Address Box 591, Dallas, Texas.

The Bavarians are well aware that they make the best beer in the world. Their exports last year amounted to 2,805,801 hectolitres, while the imports were only 1,075,926 hectolitres, mostly from Austria.

\$1.00 BIG 500-POUND STEEL RANGE OFFER.

If you can use the best big 500-pound steel range made in the world, and are willing to have it placed in your own home on three months' free trial, just cut this notice out and send to Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago, and you will receive free by return mail a big picture of the steel range and many other cooking and heating stoves. You will also receive the most wonderful \$1.00 steel range offer, an offer that places the best steel range or heating stove in the home of any family, such an offer that no family in the land, no matter what their circumstances may be, or how small their income, need be without the best cooking or heating stove made.

Oregon spends for the education of children \$12 a year per capita; Colorado, \$11; Illinois, \$11; California, \$10; while Kentucky spends only \$3.32; South Carolina, \$1.39 and Mississippi, \$2.06.

EVERYTHING COMES
To those that wait, even now and then aches and pains, Rheumatism, Catarrh, Neuralgia, and everything that hurts. Hunt's Lightning Oil keeps off everything except old age and death. Try it. 25 and 50 cts. Satisfaction or money refunded.

The first college for women in Japan is only two years old, yet it already has more than eight hundred pupils. Of this number many come from the furthest parts of Japan.

STOP! STOP! STOP!
You know you have let your house go long enough without painting it. We do all kinds of work.
W. T. CAMP & SONS,
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The Mississippi valley is 1,800 miles wide in its widest part, between the Alleghanies and the Rocky mountains; its length is 2,000 miles and its area 1,250,000 square miles.

DON'T BECOME DISCOURAGED.
But use Simmons' Liver Purifier (tin box.) Many imitations of the original, so be careful and see THAT IT'S "PURIFIER" and manufactured by the A. C. SIMMONS JR. MEDICINE CO.

There are 525 islands numbered on the chart of the Mississippi north of the mouth of the Illinois river, besides many little fellows that are not considered worth numbering. The boatmen call them "Towheads."

Why should woman suffer untold agony, from female diseases, when they can be cured at home, by using Dr. Lunn's Home Treatment for Women? For particulars, address: Dr. Lunn's Sanitarium and Hospital, Houston, Tex.

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With your back, old man? Rheumatism? Too bad, too bad. I advise you to try Hunt's Lightning Oil. It is said to be a wonderful remedy.

There are 700,000 acres of sunflower farms in Central and Eastern Russia, and 150 mills, which press out 200,000,000 pounds of sunflower oil every year.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contains Mercury.

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Each article should be covered with a prescription from a reputable physician, as the damage they will do is not found by the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price 25c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Russia's new naval program, to finish in 1906, is six battleships and three armored cruisers.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25c

Hope is often a poor apology to an aching heart or an empty stomach.

HOPE AND WISDOM
Both are contained in Cheatham's Laxative Chilli Tablets. Try them. 25 cts. No cure—no pay.

Of Alaska's shipments to the United States but 30 per cent in value is gold. The value of canned salmon alone is \$8,400,000, or \$1,000,000 more than Mr. Seward as secretary of state paid for the country.

LAUGH AND THE WORLD
Laughs with you, have chilli and you chilli alone. Cheatham's Laxative Chilli Tablets cures, gives an appetite and strength. Most convenient chilli tonic on earth. Can carry in the vest pocket.

It is the woman who looks youthful without the age of cosmetics who is not afraid to tell her age.

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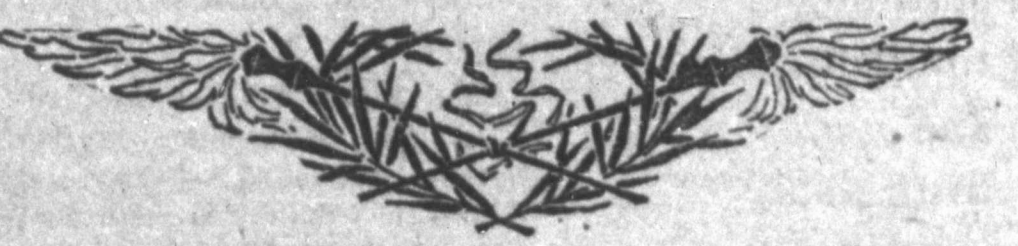
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THE RIPENING YEARS.

In spite of all that poets sing
About our childhood's happy hours,
It seems to me that every spring
Brings greener fields and sweeter
flowers.

The foliage upon the trees
Seems greener as it reappears;
There's something in the very breeze
That grows more sacred with the years.

Somehow with each succeeding June
New lusters come into the sky.
Some subtle chord in nature's tune
Sounds sweeter as the years roll by.
—W. H. Wilson in Four Track News.



FOR LOVE OR MONEY

By F. R. KERR.
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Norma Hildreth sat up in the hammock and looked with increasing wonder at the open letter in her hand. Years ago, she did not stop to think how many, she and the writer of this letter had been college classmates and his fiancée had been a friend of hers. That the engagement was broken she had long known, though who had taken the first step she was ignorant. But—and she turned to the signature and read it again, "K. E. Langford," it looked as his writing did, when for a few brief months after graduation they had carried on a desultory sort of correspondence, but—and she caught her breath with a little gasp, hadn't she heard that he was dead, killed by a landslide, or an explosion or something in the far away state where she knew that he had gone after his graduation from the law school.

This was his writing and that was his name; he was in the land of the living; he wanted to come to see her. She read it all over again slowly, as she sometimes used to do her Latin, in the hope that it would soak in. Here was this fortune, the figures danced before her fantastically, into which he was to come, if by the first of next year he was married. He was asking her to help him; asking her, Norma Hildreth, to be his wife in the eye of the law that a fortune might be realized; that done, the money once firmly in her possession, half of it and a divorce should be hers. Such was the situation as he had submitted it to her.

Why should she consider it for a moment? Here with her aunt she had a home. But some time it would be broken up; the little property would go, and ought to go to her cousins, and what would become of her?

"Then there's Lena longing for a chance for her boy, and Carol with her music—oh, wouldn't it be lovely to do things?"

She leaned back in the hammock and closed her eyes—all of her life she had coveted money and figured what it would do for her dear ones—well, she would write to him, tell him to come and see her, he might have changed so that the plan he proposed would be utterly impossible to her.

It would soon be time to get supper and she must write to Mr. Langford now, while what she wanted to say was clearly in her mind. She would consider it as a business proposition and would see him at her aunt's home whenever he might find it convenient to call. She read the short note hurriedly and decided that it was formal and non-committal.



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enough; then she sealed it hastily, that she might not be tempted to change it. She had put her hand to the plow and would not look back.

At supper that evening she was so preoccupied that she scarcely noticed her uncle's troubled look, until Elsie asked, "Does your head ache, papa?"

"No."
"But you haven't eaten your toast," said Toddles, who for some time had had covetous eyes on the cream toast that Norma had prepared for her uncle. Mr. Williams pushed the plate toward the eager little hands with a brief, "There, Toddles, eat it. I don't want it."

"Are you not feeling well?" asked



She felt half sick with the fear of what this ride might mean.

Mrs. Williams as she peered anxiously around the tea pot.

"Oh, yes, well enough. Things got kind of mixed at the store."

Norma knew how her uncle had been straining every nerve to meet the interest which fell due in September and then there would be more interest in March and in September again, and some time would come the notes themselves.

"Uncle Rube has been so good to me," she said to herself as she wiped the dishes that Elsie washed.

"Elsie, what would you do if you had a thousand dollars, oh, more than that; all the money you wanted?"

"Me? Oh, I'd study music and take the whole family to the mountains and pay off papa's debts and hire a girl to do the dish washing."

"That would be pretty nice, wouldn't it?"

"You'd better guess it would."

Norma felt the letter in her apron pocket and decided that she would mail it.

Two weeks afterward a tall, broad shouldered man with a firm chin and steady gray eyes, was helping Norma into the carriage that the boy from the livery stable had just driven up. Mr. Langford had come the day before, and that evening had been spent with the Williams' who all agreed that Norma's class mate was a very interesting man.

As Norma held out her cold, trembling hand she felt half sick with the fear of what this ride might mean. This man was so big and strong, so deferential and so masterful. She was glad that she had known him as she had, and thankful for the honest respect she had always felt for his unswerving manhood.

Over the smooth road they sped. Norma sought wildly for something to say, but found no middle ground between the platitudes that her lips would not utter and the purpose of this drive, and that she could not first touch upon. But the man beside her was talking, he might be saying something that she ought to hear. Very quiet his voice was as he told her about his life in the West, about the practice he had tried to build up, about what their class mates had done and were doing. As Norma felt the quiver of her excited nerves throbbing into quiet she relaxed her tense muscles and leaned back, thankful that this man was giving her a little time.

"You knew about Bessie?" he was saying. Bessie had been his fiancée in those college days.

"I never knew which one of you did it."

"We both did, I guess," he answered and his voice had a far off sound. "I was a long way off and working hard—it takes a long time for a young fellow to build up a paying practice—an honest one—and then she began to go with Johnson and that Hadringham and I don't know who else."

"Yes?" It was the infection more than the word that helped him on.

"Well, I heard of it. I was angry with her and angry with myself—it didn't seem just fair—she had waited for me a long time—but there were the college debts, and when they were paid I couldn't ask her to come out to that far away country to nothing better than I could offer her."

"But if you loved each other—" Norma began and then the purpose of this drive struck her dumb.

"Yes," he went on with what Norma almost felt to be ominous quiet, "but we grew apart instead of together. People talked, you know, I was proud and so was she, and—well the bubble burst."

Some way Norma's vision began to clear. She clutched at the bows of the buggy and clasping one of them tight she plunged in.

"Mr. Langford, it seems this way to me. Hasn't Bessie the first right to a share of this money? Have you laid the matter before her? Perhaps—"

His quiet voice interrupted her, "Miss Hildreth, it is of no use to talk of Bessie or of any one else. When I knew of the provisions of Roger's will I did not hesitate in my choice. Do you suppose there are no girls in the town where I live? I didn't need to come a thousand miles to get a girl, but—I wanted you. Don't you understand? In college I liked you next to Bessie—my love for her is dead, but, Norma, don't you understand? I love you. I take back the proposition I made. When I wrote that letter, I knew that you were the only girl I would wish to share in the arrangement suggested—but until I came I did not know—that I was really in love. Sink the business part in the depths of the sea; try to love me a little, Norma, for I want you to be my wife for good and true."

Norma's heart gave a bound. Langford's arm drew her close as she sobbed out her answer.

PRaises CHILDREN OF JAPAN.

Writer Enthusiastic Over Infants of Flowery Kingdom.

A recent book on the children of various countries says: "A baby Japanese girl is the most delightful creature you can possibly imagine; a radiant, happy, beautiful butterfly. She is rarely known to cry, for she is rarely slapped. What mother could have the heart to touch so dainty a blossom as the childflower of this land of flowers? The baby girl loves fun; she loves toys, sweets and tea in little cups; she loves to smoke, with a funny pipe made of brass and kept in her sleeve; and, above all, she loves her big, round-headed doll. She is wonderfully playful and gentle, this child, always ideally dressed and always self-possessed. She has the loveliest mouth and teeth and twinkling black eyes, and she knows it, too. The smallest Japanese wants to be beautiful; each baby girl has her dainty lacquer box of rouge and powder, she is like some wonderful fantastic tropical blossom, some dear little dragon fly. And her hair—how black it is, with blue lights, and shining where it is stiffened and gummed in loops and bands till it seems to reflect the gold lacquer and coral-tipped pins that bristle around her head! Great competition goes on between girls as to whose hair shall be most becomingly arranged, whose the smoothest and most glossy, whose grille shall be the most gracefully tied and whose dress shall possess the most harmonious effect."

Would Not Touch the Pig.

A recent traveler in Somaliland gives the following curious incident showing the Mohammedan hatred for pigs: "We shot two wart hogs, one a particularly big boar. Alan wished to keep the tusks, but, of course, none of the Somalis would touch the unclean animal. At last a bribe of 2 rupees induced the Midgan woman to chop the tusks out with a hatchet. Even then she would not touch them and with the help of two sticks, which she used like a pair of tongs, put them on a camel. Then there was a long dispute about the hatchet. No one would touch it; it had been defiled. Of course this was pure affectation and playing to the gallery on the ayah's part. At home with her native tribe she would have gorged all the pig she could get. But it flattered the Somalis and we marched off, the ayah holding the hatchet at arm's length as if it were going to bite her."

Privations of the Poor.

A slum inspector told the Glasgow Municipal Commission on the Housing of the Poor that on some occasions he had found families sleeping in chairs—the parents on the floor, then a mattress, and a layer of children on the top.

Social Items.

Mrs. L. W. Cooper is very sick. Bagging and ties at the Big Store.

R. B. Rich has Buggies from \$40 up to \$90.

Save money by taking your prescriptions to Crysap.

R. B. Rich has the best Wagons and is selling them low down.

When you need shoes go to the Big Store—they have the best yet.

D. M. Craddock and J. T. Harrison spent Sunday in Galveston.

A stiff norther prevailed in Crockett Wednesday.

Blum Wootters left last week for Waco to attend a business college.

The swellest line of millinery in Houston county is at the Big Store.

Miss Emma Fulghum of Palestine is the guest of Miss Lucy Smith.

Making room for more Buggies, so if you want one cheap call on R. B. Rich.

Miss Hortense LeGory will leave soon for Nashville, Tenn., to enter school.

That Walk Easy shoe at the Big Store is the peer of good shoes. Try a pair.

If you need a Buggy or Wagon, get my prices before you buy.

R. B. RICH.

For Sale.

My farm, stock and dairy business. F. M. CABBELL.

Anything carried by a first-class drug store can be had at Crysap's at a low price.

The prettiest belts, lace collars and garters in town are being sold at the Big Store.

A hundred and seventeen excursion tickets were sold to Palestine Wednesday morning.

Crockett was well represented at the carnival this week in the matter of attendance.

A beautiful line of Cluny, wood fiber, escurial and gipure laces just received at the Big Store.

W. B. Page sent to Palestine Monday some very fine pears to be placed on exhibition at the carnival.

Strict middling cotton was worth 10.75 Wednesday afternoon. Very little has been received so far.

W. P. Connor of Plain was among those in town this week. He reports his cotton crop very short.

Mr. Chas. May has bought the J. R. Howard residence property in East Crockett and will move into it.

The handsomest rugs, art squares, matting and linoleums ever shown in Crockett are at the Big Store.

The Warfields have arrived from Minnesota and are occupying the house purchased by them from G. B. Lundy.

The most stylish line of the season in street hats is being shown at the Big Store's millinery department.

Misses Sarah and Lena Bromberg have returned from Galveston. Miss Hirschfeld of Galveston is their guest.

That fearful tragedy at Edna Sunday morning should be a warning to all officers to search their prisoners when making the arrest and not wait until they get to the jail. Two officers lost their lives as well as the prisoner.

B. F. Chamberlain, The Druggist, fills prescriptions, sells cigars, stationery, toilet articles and druggists' sundries.

Mrs. John McConnell, Mrs. W. A. Norris and Dan McConnell have returned from Clouderoft.

Rubbers! Rubbers!

A full line of men's, women's and children's rubber boots and shoes at the Big Store.

Daniel & Burton want 50,000 more Nut Cracker tobacco tags at a half cent each in goods at cash prices. 2-m

Dr. Jones, Dentist, Crockett, saves teeth—others extract, makes teeth without plates, and will take your approved note for work.

For Sale.

The Joseph & Mike property in Crockett. Apply to W. R. Garner, Real Estate agent, Palestine, Texas.

Very little money has been received at this office on subscriptions this year. Those in arrears will now please come forward and settle up.

Mr. and Mrs. Boone of Brandon, Hill county, have been visiting Mrs. Boone's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Madden, during the past week.

Miss Amelia Miller and Misses Bunnie and Lee Arington have returned from their vacation spent in the mountains of Tennessee and North Carolina.

For Rent.

My residence in North Crockett after October 1. Good six-room cottage with three acres of ground. Apply to R. E. McCONNELL.

Crysap has the freshest stock of drugs, the choicest perfumes and soaps, an elegant line of stationery and in short the best of everything at the lowest prices.

Rev. J. C. Mason of Dallas will preach at the Christian church Sunday morning and night. All are cordially invited to come out and hear him. PORTER NEWMAN.

For Sale.

Keifer pears by the bushel, wagon load or car load. Am at orchard day and night and those wanting fruit can get it now in quantities to suit. These pears are fine and are selling fast. W. B. PAGE.

Rev. D. J. Chapple, colored, of Camden, Polk county, was in Crockett Wednesday organizing an ex-slave's league. The purposes of the league are for the suppression of crime among the black race and the bringing to justice of the guilty.

Services at the Baptist Church Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. The subject for the morning sermon will be "Now are we the sons of God." All are cordially invited and the members are urged to be present. J. A. HOWARD, Pastor.

The churches of Crockett all have well-filled pulpits. The pulpits are much better filled than the benches.

The public schools have been postponed from the 14th to the 28th on account of not having text-books.

A doctor's prescription is your own property. You can have it filled at any drug store, provided they have the drugs. You can have it filled accurately and promptly from the freshest of drugs at Crysap's.

Miss Ethel Wootters has returned from her summer vacation in the mountains of Arkansas and desires the COURIER to state that she will begin her music class Monday morning, regardless of the public school.

For Sale.
A scholarship in Tyler College, Tyler, Texas. Write for particulars and state whether you want a commercial, shorthand or literary course. Address COURIER, Crockett, Texas.

Mrs. F. E. Ripley and little son of Taylor, who have been visiting Mrs. Ripley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Hail, left for their home Saturday. A dance was given at the Lotus club rooms Friday evening complimentary to Mrs. Ripley.

The time of year is at hand for us to remind our subscribers that there are many subscriptions due and unpaid on our books. The paper has been unusually free from reminders of this nature during the year and we hope those in arrears will now come forward and settle. We have endeavored to give you a good county paper and to what extent we have succeeded it is left for you to judge.

List of Grand Jurors.
The following is the list of grand jurors for the fall term of the district court. They are to appear at 10 a. m., Monday, October 12: Frank Hill, Sr., J. E. Bynum, Tommy Thompson, F. H. Bayne, J. H. Beasley, J. F. Martin, J. S. Yarbrough, J. S. Newman, W. J. Garner, T. N. Mainer, D. H. Bayne, Archie Adams, A. S. Hallmark, W. L. Driskill (Holly), J. A. McConnell and J. D. Johns.

J. D. Freeman of Lovelady was in Crockett Tuesday afternoon getting up material for the Houston county exhibit at Palestine. He went up Monday with the Lovelady part of the county exhibit and finding nothing there from Crockett came back here Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Freeman has been untiring in his efforts to give the county a creditable exhibit. He said nothing had been sent up Tuesday from Grape-land, but he had promises that there would be.

The friends of Sheriff Hale and Constable Phillips are having a laugh on these officers for letting two prisoners get away Thursday night of last week. The officers went out east of town and arrested two colored crap-shooters. They got a negro to bring them back in his buggy, the officers following behind horseback. They had handcuffed the two prisoners together when putting them into the buggy, but one of the darkeys slipped off the hand-cuff and the two escaped in the darkness into the woods. The officers rode all night and half of the next day hunting for them, but never found them.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes the diseased kidneys sound so they will eliminate the poisons from the blood. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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To ship cotton this season. The market will favor the man who refuses to sell at home, and he will be handsomely repaid for his judgment in shipping.

There are great possibilities during this season in the cotton market for those who will ship to us.

We have seventeen buyers here, representing every market in the world where cotton is used, ready and anxious to compete for every bale as it arrives.

We are prepared and anxious to contribute our experience and intelligent service to your profit.

Wm. D. Cleveland & Sons,
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A Romantic Wedding.

There is something about a romance that appeals in no uncertain way to our better natures, especially so when our friends are the chief parties of that romance.

Some months ago a young lady school teacher came from Porter Springs, Houston county, to Del Rio with the view of securing a position. Being well informed, affable and with good recommendations, she had no difficulty in securing the principalship of the Comstock school. However she remained in Del Rio and here the romance began.

One of our young attorneys became acquainted with the young lady, admired her graces and her charms. He was persistent in his wooings, and, well—it is the business of a lawyer to be good at pleading, and he was.

Thursday evening, the 3rd, the young lawyer and the school ma'am went out walking. They wended their way to the banks of the clear San Felipe near Borroum's dam. An observer might have noticed the Methodist minister together with Dr. Borea bicycling in the same direction. Soon man and maiden, minister and witness met, then on the banks of the rippling little stream, decorated with nature's green, with the birds caroling a wedding march, and the blue vault of heaven above them, Rev. E. E. Swanson pronounced Horace Edwin McMains and Miss Florence Eugenia Hogue man and wife. Extending their most hearty congratulations, the preacher and friend departed while the lawyer and his newly made bride wended their way back to town as though returning from one of their usual strolls. They had determined to keep the wedding a secret, but Horace was too elated and six hours had not elapsed before he had told his friends, and in a few minutes afterward everybody had heard the news. Sometimes it is a man that can't keep a secret.

Mr. McMains' friends, and their name is legion, are congratulating him while the friends of the lady and she has made many, while here are likewise wishing her and her husband all happiness as they meet life's stern realities. Mr. and Mrs. McMains will make their future home in Del Rio.—Del Rio Record-News.

A New Jersey Editor's Testimonial.
M. T. Lynch, editor of the Phillipsburg, N. J., Daily Post, writes: "I have used many kinds of medicines for coughs and colds in my family but never anything so good as Foley's Honey and Tar. I cannot say too much in praise of it."

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A TOUCH OF "RHEUMATIZ?"

Get that prescription of Dr. Helpem that did you so much good last time refilled; or, if the pain's of a different sort, ask the good doctor to write you another one. Bring it to us and we will compound it with conscientious care.

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List of Petit Jurors.

The following is the list of petit jurors for the first week of the fall term of the district court. They are to appear at 10 a. m., Wednesday, October 14: T. Mayfield, Sid S. Johnson, W. M. Steed, W. A. Ford, R. H. Wootters, H. C. Eichelberger, G. H. Denny, J. S. Ross, J. W. McCarty, H. J. Phillips, D. Goodwin, Sidney Boykin, J. T. Morrow, Wilson Whittaker, J. C. Mannus, A. J. Selman, W. Bayne, A. E. Smith, Chas. Turner, W. A. McPhail, J. C. Cummins, G. M. Walton, Jasper Simpson, S. H. Sharp, J. N. Sory, James Arnold, J. E. Hart, Kirby Smith, P. L. Fulgent, Walter Patrick.

The following is the list of petit jurors for the second week of district court, to appear Monday morning, October 19, at 10 o'clock: D. C. Francis, J. C. Allie, Silas Douglass, Louis Bond, J. R. Mainer, J. T. Knox, Elias Atkinson, R. H. Butler, R. R. Harvin, W. F. Brooks, O. E. Parton, R. L. Baum, F. D. Thomas, F. A. Live-ly, Chas. R. Rich, R. M. Weisinger, Edmund Hill, A. W. Pelham, A. E. Buffington, R. S. Rains, W. R. Wherry, T. H. Leaverton, G. Kinball, W. M. Osburne, J. C. West, S. G. Vaughn, C. A. Story, E. E. Barlow, A. F. Daniel, Dick Cassidy.

Notice in Probate.
The undersigned, whose post-office is Crockett, Texas, qualified as administrator of the estate of Wilson and Jennie Daddles on the 24th day of August, 1903.

All persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned for approval within the time prescribed by law.

W. V. CLARK,
Administrator of estate of Wilson and Jennie Daddles, deceased.

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THE COURIER.

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Publisher

The COURIER presents the news of the county each week in a readable form and is thoroughly alive to the best interest of the people.

Every farmer should raise as much feed as possible and have a surplus of stock to consume it. Let's stop this wailing over cotton.

The soil of Houston county is especially adapted to the growth of peaches and strawberries. Fortunes have been made on these fruits a few miles north of us.

Every issue of the COURIER is a special edition. Without boasting it can be said that the COURIER has done more for Houston county than any other institution or individual in it.

Enough money has been sent away from Houston county during the past year for meat and feed to make hard times. Farmers should have raised their own feed and meat all along, but the boll weevil now makes it a necessity.

The people of Houston county should raise a marketable grade of cattle. They should have learned before this that there is no market for yellow backed scrubs. Jerseys are all right for the dairy, but they are too small for marketable stock cattle.

There are many things that can be grown in this county besides cotton. Farmers can turn their attention profitably to improving their stock. Good mules always find a ready market and fine horses can scarcely be found. Hogs bring ready cash and so would cattle if farmers paid more attention to breeding.

Farmers who intend to forsake cotton as a big crop would do well to turn their attention to peaches. The Elberta peach is a favorite in the market and it is successfully grown here. The Elberta peach is a prosperity bringer and there are other varieties which have proved equally as good. A number of large orchards will no doubt be put out in the county before another year.

With mule colts and young horses romping in pastures, red cattle and black hogs in the meadows and plenty of corn, peas, sugar cane, alfalfa and bermuda grass growing on the farms, Houston county will be prosperous. Of course some cotton will continue to be raised, but cotton is not altogether essential to the county's prosperity. A large feed crop, plenty of surplus stock, peach, pear and plum orchards and a variety of vegetables are prosperity bringers.

Farmers desiring information on any crop or insect can obtain it by addressing their congressman or representative, or either the department of agriculture at Austin or Washington. All known methods of controlling the boll weevil will be cheerfully furnished from the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington or the State Department of Agriculture at Austin. Parties wanting information on any crop should not hesitate to write either or both of these departments or their congressman or state representative.

Last week the COURIER published on its editorial page a lengthy article on destroying the boll weevil in fall. Those who intend raising a cotton crop another year should follow the advice set out in the article, which was, to summarize briefly, as follows: First, to cultivate as late as possible or un-

til picking; second, to select seed for next year's planting before second picking; third, to graze or cut and burn cotton stalks early in October; fourth, to plow land deeply and thoroughly in late fall or early winter. This advice is furnished from the state experimental station after actual experiments in destroying the weevil.

The Carnegie Library association has received \$3000 in cash from Andrew Carnegie, the first allowance from him on the library building. The work is now in progress on the foundation and the building committee expects allowances from time to time from the great library builder and benefactor.—Greenville Herald.

For the benefit of our Texan who stated that no horse bred or raised in Texas ever brought more than an ordinary bull calf, I wish to say that Al Bock, a San Antonio pacer with a mark of 2:08½, was sold this week at Providence, R. I., for \$10,000. Wainscot, a 4-year-old trotter owned and raised by George R. King of Dallas, was also sold for \$10,000 at Detroit. Up to the present time I have not noticed nor heard of any bull calves selling for that amount. Still, some of our Representatives at Austin contend that it doesn't pay to breed or raise fine horses.—J. Waddy Tate in Galveston News.

The San Antonio horse above mentioned, Al Bock, was sold by Dave Woodard, a man well known in Crockett as a lover of fine horse flesh. This horse was raised at San Antonio by Mr. Woodard. Just as good horses can be raised in East Texas and some of our farmers who are threatened with the boll weevil disaster, might profitably turn their attention to improving their stock.

Your people may fuss, fume and lay the blame on the other fellow, but Lovelady, Grapeland and Kennard will continue to pick the goose, and will continue to do so until Crockett opens her eyes fully to the situation and puts in a few more factories that will give employment to workmen, otherwise she must be content with the trade naturally hers by reason of its being nearest to those trading.—Lovelady Correspondent.

Our correspondent is right. What Crockett needs is factories for the employment of its people. Palestine, Nacogdoches and Lufkin are adding new enterprises from time to time. Their business leagues are wide awake to every opportunity, and opportunities are plentiful, as they always are to every wide-awake town. Two years ago a railroad was projected toward Nacogdoches. Nacogdoches had her croakers as well as Crockett and they argued that another railroad would build up other towns and kill their town. But the croakers were in the minority and the road was secured. It was the beginning of an era of prosperity. Nacogdoches' latest enterprises are a government tobacco ware house and a big saw mill and tram road, giving employment to many people. Crockett had an opportunity to get another road, but there was a division of sentiment as to the good to accrue. The road has never been built. Some of our enterprising citizens attempted to organize a cotton mill company, but met with little encouragement. City water works was talked for awhile, but no successful plan formulated. An effort was made during the summer to organize a business league, and notwithstanding every business man in the town signed the call for a meeting, only about three showed up. Only during last week an effort was made to get up a creditable exhibit for the East Texas carnival, but such little enthusiasm was met with that those having the matter in charge

let it drop. Notwithstanding the fact that the trade of the county will be short this fall and winter, very little effort, if any, is being made to secure for Crockett its share of business. Crockett is suffering more from a lack of enterprise than anything else.

Cuero Star: One thing is settled. It is perfect folly for farmers to plant big crops of cotton, expecting a rich harvest from it, without taking the boll weevil into account. Unless they intend, when the crop is pitched, to make a vigorous and systematic fight on the weevil, they had better plant something else along with a reduced cotton acreage that they can look to for a living. The practice of planting a vast crop of cotton in these weevil times, knowing it is just as apt to be lost as though it were planted where the tides of the sea would swell over it, is the poorest business policy conceivable. It is madness. And whenever the merchants cut out the extensive credit business it will cease. Farmers ought not to wait to be driven to a change of tactics.

The merchant can probably do more than any other person, as suggested by the Star, in pushing ahead the good policy of diversification. There are many farmers who are so wedded to the "one crop" of cotton, because they think they can do better with it than other crops, that they will never quit it as long as they can get a merchant to "carry" them. It has been determined that the only way to fight the weevil is by eternal work. And that cannot be effected on a large crop unless a man works convicts or has the money to hire a great many hands. The man with a family, who in certain parts of the State puts in a large cotton crop, is simply courting disaster. The credit system is going down under diversification, simply because diversification gives him who practices it some money nearly all the year around. The sooner the farming classes are thrown or forced into diversification, the better it will be for the State, for both farmers and merchants.—Galveston News.

A TEXAS WONDER.

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One bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists. Smith & French Drug Co., Crockett.

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Doctors Could Not Help Her. "I had kidney trouble for years," writes Mrs. Raymond Conner of Shelton, Wash., "and the doctors could not help me. I tried Foley's Kidney Cure, and the very first dose gave me relief and I am now cured. I cannot say too much for Foley's Kidney Cure." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

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Wednesday, September 23, 1903,

By the Smith Land and Improvement Co.

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I. & G. N. R. R., Palestine, Texas.

There will be some cotton made in this county, but it will be by those who have worked and not by accident. Land owners who have been doing a nice business by renting to negroes and sorry white tenants have been hit hard this year, especially where they "stood" for supplies.—Huntsville Item.

Feet Swollen to Immense Size.

"I had kidney trouble so bad that I could not work," says J. J. Cox of Valley View, Ky., "my feet were swollen to immense size and I was confined to my bed and physicians were unable to give me any relief. My doctor finally prescribed Foley's Kidney Cure which made a well man of me." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.